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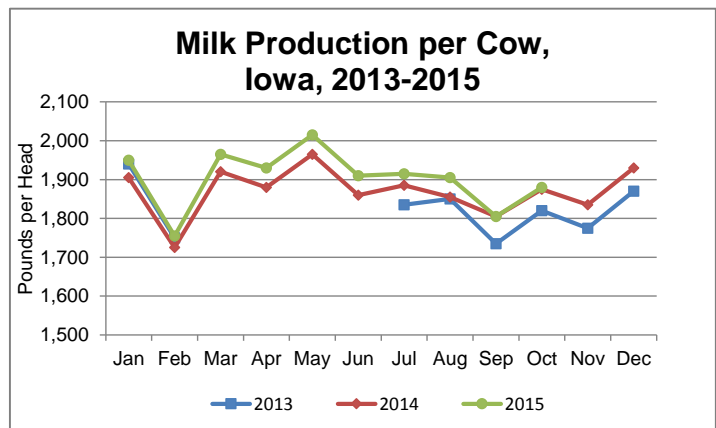
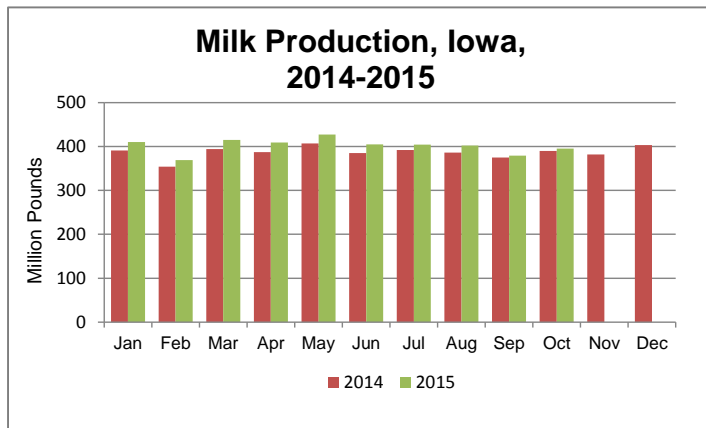
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Milk production in Iowa during October 2015 totaled 395 million pounds, up 1 percent from October 2014 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. This is the highest October milk production for Iowa since 1967. The average number of milk cows during October, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 2,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,880 pounds, up 5 pounds from last October.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2014 and 2015

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | Change from 2014 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (million pounds) | (million pounds) | (percent) |
| Arizona | 195 | 195 | 1,955 | 1,930 | 381 | 376 | -1.3 |
| California | 1,779 | 1,777 | 1,930 | 1,825 | 3,433 | 3,243 | -5.5 |
| Colorado | 145 | 145 | 2,105 | 2,170 | 305 | 315 | 3.3 |
| Florida | 123 | 125 | 1,470 | 1,495 | 181 | 187 | 3.3 |
| Idaho | 579 | 586 | 2,010 | 2,010 | 1,164 | 1,178 | 1.2 |
| Illinois | 93 | 94 | 1,600 | 1,610 | 149 | 151 | 1.3 |
| Indiana | 179 | 183 | 1,820 | 1,850 | 326 | 339 | 4.0 |
| Iowa | 208 | 210 | 1,875 | 1,880 | 390 | 395 | 1.3 |
| Kansas | 143 | 143 | 1,855 | 1,845 | 265 | 264 | -0.4 |
| Michigan | 397 | 410 | 2,055 | 2,080 | 816 | 853 | 4.5 |
| Minnesota | 460 | 460 | 1,655 | 1,685 | 761 | 775 | 1.8 |
| New Mexico | 323 | 323 | 2,050 | 1,990 | 662 | 643 | -2.9 |
| New York | 615 | 620 | 1,880 | 1,910 | 1,156 | 1,184 | 2.4 |
| Ohio | 267 | 266 | 1,685 | 1,705 | 450 | 454 | 0.9 |
| Oregon | 124 | 123 | 1,685 | 1,675 | 209 | 206 | -1.4 |
| Pennsylvania | 530 | 530 | 1,680 | 1,650 | 890 | 875 | -1.7 |
| South Dakota | 97 | 108 | 1,860 | 1,885 | 180 | 204 | 13.3 |
| Texas | 470 | 462 | 1,825 | 1,845 | 858 | 852 | -0.7 |
| Utah | 96 | 96 | 1,925 | 1,900 | 185 | 182 | -1.6 |
| Vermont | 132 | 131 | 1,680 | 1,670 | 222 | 219 | -1.4 |
| Virginia | 92 | 90 | 1,580 | 1,590 | 145 | 143 | -1.4 |
| Washington | 275 | 275 | 1,995 | 1,980 | 549 | 545 | -0.7 |
| Wisconsin | 1,272 | 1,280 | 1,840 | 1,910 | 2,340 | 2,445 | 4.5 |
| 23-State Total | 8,594 | 8,632 | 1,864 | 1,857 | 16,017 | 16,028 | 0.1 |

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from October 2014. September revised production, at 15.6 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2014. The September revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,857 pounds for October, 7 pounds below October 2014. This is the second highest production per cow for the month of October since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 38,000 head more than October 2014, but 1,000 head less than September 2015.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from October 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,835 pounds for October, 5 pounds below October 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 32,000 head more than October 2014, but 1,000 head less than September 2015.

